CLAIMS

A protective fabric substrate comprising: a plurality of warp yarns densely interwoven with a plurality of fill yarns; wherein a denier of the fill yarn is not equal to a denier of the warp yarn.

2. The protective fabric substrate as claimed in claim 1 wherein the denier of the fill yarn is greater than the denier of the warp yarn.

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- 3. The protective fabric substrate as claimed in claim 2 wherein the denier of the fill yarn is at least 1.5 times greater than the denier of the warp yarn.
- 4. The protective fabric substrate as claimed in claim 1 wherein at least some of the yarns are staple yarns.
- 5. The protective fabric substrate as claimed in claim 1 further including a layer of epoxy resin applied to the substrate.
- 6. A protective fabric substrate comprising:
 a plurality of warp yarns densely interwoven with a plurality of fill yarns;
 wherein a warp crimp is greater than a fill crimp; and
 wherein a denier of the fill yarn is greater than a denier of the warp yarn.

7. The protective fabric substrate as claimed in claim 6 wherein the warp crimp is at least five times greater than the fill crimp.

8. The protective fabric substrate as claimed in claim 6 wherein the fill yarn denier is at least 1.5 times greater than the warp yarn denier.

9. A protective fabric substrate comprising:

a substrate including a plurality of warp yarns densely interwoven with a plurality of fill

yarns; and

a layer of the epoky resin applied to the substrate.

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